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ELECTION 2016

Ahead in the polls

Steady interest in early voting as town prepares for Nov. 8 ballot decision day

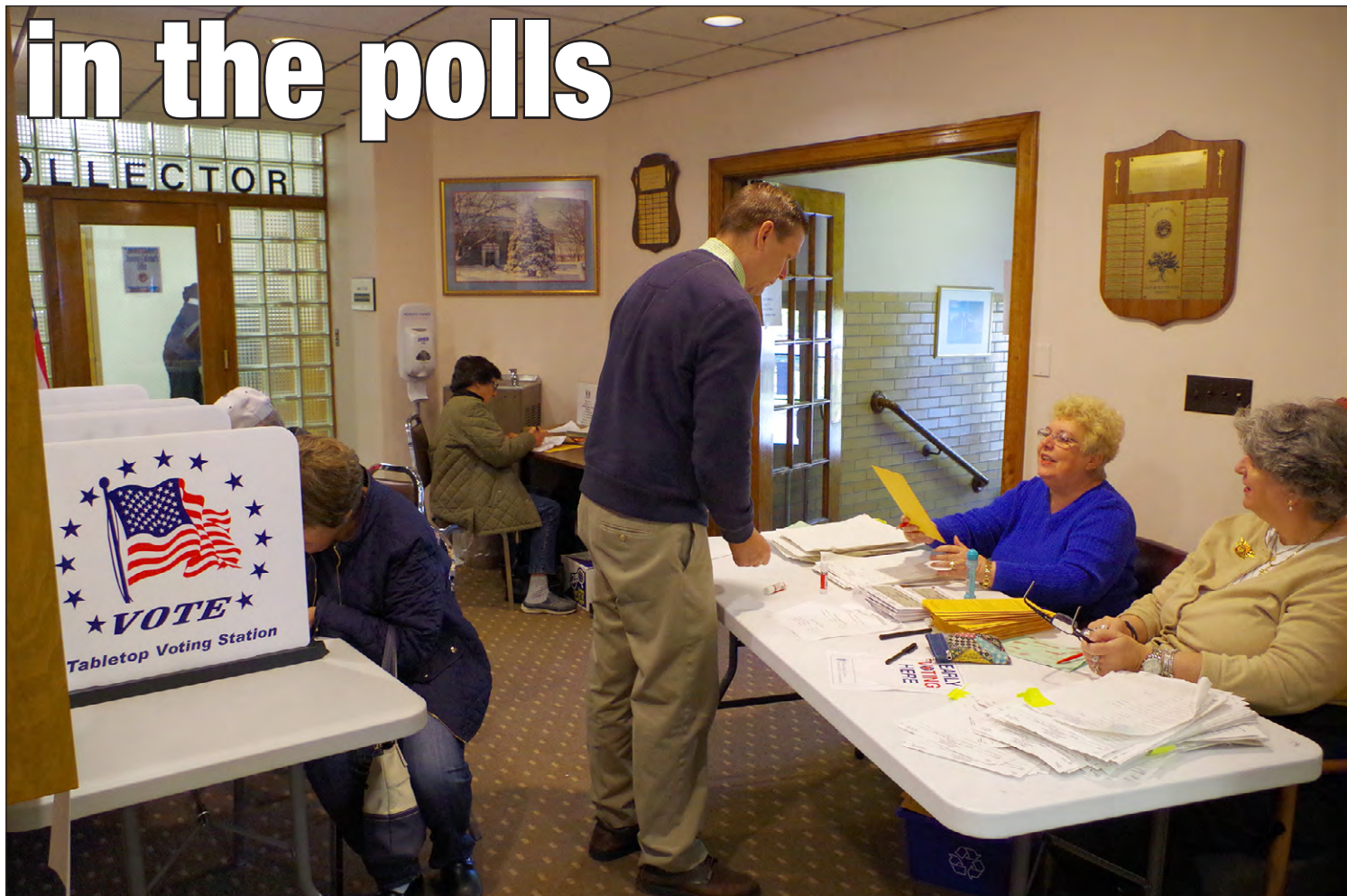
By Michael J. Ballway
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Thousands of Agawam residents already know whom they're voting for.

Hundreds already have.

By the end of October, about 1,800 Agawam residents had cast their presidential ballots using the state's new early voting procedure, Town Clerk Vincent Gioscia said this week.

Under a law that went into effect this year, cities and towns in Massachusetts are allowing registered voters to vote at the local town clerk's office on any day it is open, from Oct. 24 to Nov. 4. Many towns, including Agawam, are also offering weekend and evening hours.



Poll workers Dee Duncan, left, and Therese Clifford oversee early voting in the lobby of Town Hall on Nov. 1. They normally work the polls at Clark School and the Junior High, respectively. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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CLEANING UP

Blight fight takes a while

Town Hall's crusade against eyesore buildings slowed in court

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The list of blighted properties in town is longer now than it was a year ago, when the City Council passed a law aimed at cleaning them up.

The ordinance was intended to give code enforcement officials some "teeth" to demand that property owners — banks who foreclosed on previous occupants, in many cases — take care of eyesore and abandoned properties. Last summer, the town had a list of about 20 such properties; today, it's more than 70, and most of the original properties are still on it.

Mayor Richard Cohen said town officials are moving faster to identify and catalogue blighted properties. The delay is coming from the court system, he said.

"It can be frustrating at times," said Cohen, but "I am really pleased with the progress that is being made by our code enforcement officer, and our associate solicitor."

Cohen says Associate Solicitor Stephen Buoniconti is working with the state attorney general and going through the court process on several properties in town. Many of the properties on

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June 2015



October 2016

1178 Suffield St. was listed as a blighted property in 2015 and remains on the list more than a year later. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

VETERANS CEMETERY

Vault for ashes is complete

Veterans' remains no longer stored in temporary structure, officials say

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The cremated ashes of 122 United States servicemen, -women and spouses are now in their final resting place.

Agawam Veterans Memorial Cemetery Director Richard Bastien said a new stone columbarium — a vault for the cremated remains — was completed early in October, a couple weeks after the state-owned cemetery

and its construction contractor were criticized on television and in newspapers for a backlog of cremated remains in temporary "lockers."

He said each set of cremated remains was afforded a white-glove proper transfer from the temporary metal columbarium to the permanent stone version. Taps were played as part of each transfer.

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Trick or teeth



Emerie, 7, and her sister Sophia Lopez, 3, receive candy from Andrea Carey during the fall festival Saturday at Cornerstone Kids Dentistry on Suffield Street. More photos on page 9. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



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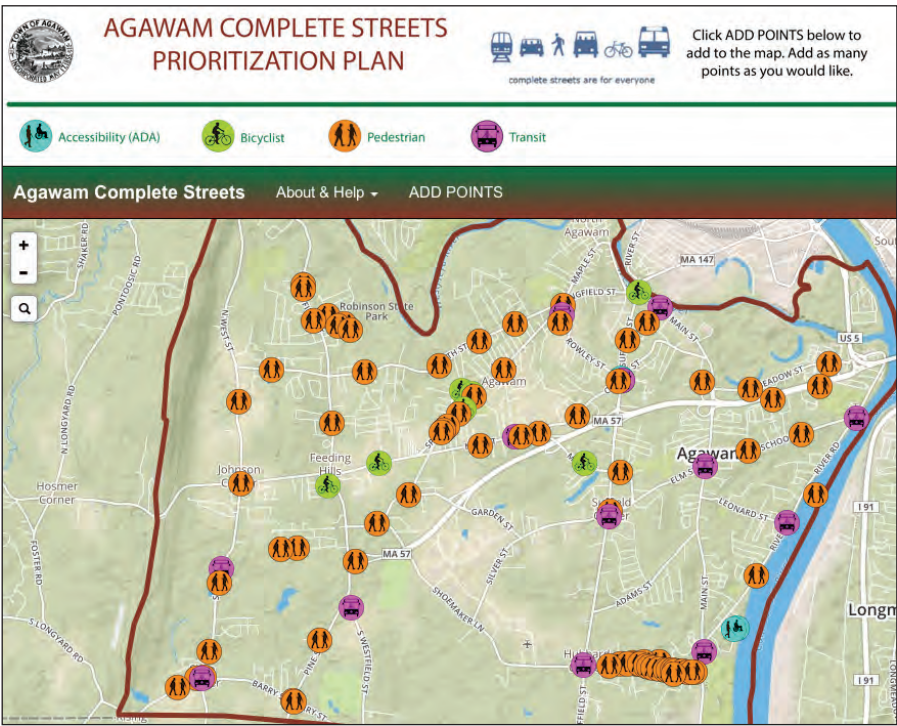
Public input sought on sidewalk, transit plan

The Agawam Complete Streets Prioritization Plan Public Meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. An informal discussion will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The town is working with MassDOT to implement a Complete Streets program. In February, the Agawam City Council adopted a Complete Streets Administrative Policy which was cosponsored by Mayor Richard Cohen and Council President James P. Cichetti.

This meeting will give residents an opportunity to hear about the Complete Streets program and discuss pedestrian, bicycle, ADA and transit project ideas. Agawam will submit this plan to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and could receive up to \$400,000, which will be put toward construction in 2017-18. This plan will also prioritize future complete streets-related projects, including but are not limited to bicycle lanes, sidewalks, signalized pedestrian crossings, rapid flash beacons, traffic calming measures, signage and more.

Those that cannot attend the meeting but would like to submit ideas may post them on the town's online interactive map at <http://wikimapping.com/wikimap/Agawam.html>.



Agawam residents can highlight the town's transportation needs on a map at wikimapping.com/wikimap/Agawam.html. SUBMITTED IMAGE

More information and a link to this map can be found at www.agawam.ma.us/engineering or Google search Agawam engineering. Michelle Chase, town engineer, can be reached at 413-821-0625 or mchase@agawam.ma.us.

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Town Republicans to meet Nov. 9

The Agawam Republican Town Committee's regular monthly meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. It is open to anyone interested in learning more about the committee.

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So... Where's NICK?

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Where's Nick!!!

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Workshop to help parents of special-needs children

“The Movement of Imperfection,” a survival guide for ordinary parents of special children, will be presented Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.

Designed for caregivers of special-needs children, this humorous, heartwarming 90-minute workshop is based on the best-selling book “Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid!”

Attendees will learn how to let go of the expectations they have for their children and embrace reality. This unique event is free for parents and caregivers. Registration is not required. Childcare is not available.

It is sponsored in partnership by Thom Westfield Infant & Toddler, Smart Start Preschool and the Agawam Family and Community Program. For more information, contact Michelle Connery, outreach coordinator, at mconnery@agawampublicschools.org or call 413-821-0597.

Church bazaar to include pony rides, photographer

St. David’s Church will hold its Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. Included in the bazaar are seasonal items, homemade lunches with soups and chili to eat there or take home. There will also be a bake table, raffles and children’s activities including pony rides from noon to 1 p.m. at a cost of \$3.

Brittany Shields, a professional photographer, will be taking 5-by-7-inch pictures for Christmas for \$12 each, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The church is at 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-6133.

AHS class of ’66 to hold 50th reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1966 will hold its 50th reunion Saturday, Nov. 5, at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

For more information, visit the Facebook.com page for Agawam High School Class of ’66. Those that have not been notified or are interested in attending may contact Ray Pond at 413-786-8746 or Randy McLean at 413-786-0348.

‘Agapella’ to benefit St. Pat’s Committee

The Agawam St. Patrick’s Committee will host “Agapella,” featuring local news anchor Chris Pisano, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$10 per person and may be purchased in advance by calling Laurie O’Connell at 413-519-1071. They will also be sold at the door.

Dueling pianos to benefit Perry Lane project

Chez Josef is offering supporters of the Agawam Lions Club’s Perry Lane “Tot Lot” project an entertaining way to contribute to the cause. The banquet hall will host an evening of Dueling Pianos on Saturday, Nov. 26. The show will include comedy, familiar tunes and audience participation.

Tickets are \$40, plus meal tax and ticket fee, and include a dinner buffet at 7 p.m., followed by the show at 8 p.m. A portion of each ticket purchased through the Lions Club will be donated to the Tot Lot project; for more information or to purchase tickets, see any Agawam Lions Club member or call the club’s Tot Lot chairman, Dick Lanier, at 413-335-5434 or ddlan316@hotmail.com.

For more information on the Perry Lane Tot Lot fundraising efforts and upcoming events, follow the Agawam Lions Club on Facebook or visit www.agawamlions.org.



Leonard Haug’s entry in the other media-paper collage category was named “Best in Show” in this year’s Friends of the Agawam Public Library Open Juried Art Show. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Juried art show now on display

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library’s eighth Open Juried Art Show is on display at the Agawam Public Library through Nov. 25. The artwork may be seen Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam, and can be reached by phone at 413-789-1550.

There were 59 works accepted from 100 entries. Steve Wilda and Sandra Wa-

keen, the judges, will be available at the Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. They will give a talk about the show and will critique each winning entry as the image is displayed during the awards ceremony. The ceremony will also include music and light refreshments, and is free and open to the public.

There are 53 artists represented in the show. They come from Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Volunteers, donations needed for Thanksgiving dinner

The 35th Annual Phil Coburn Thanksgiving Dinner will take place Thursday, Nov. 24, from noon to 2 p.m. at St. Thomas School, 75 Pine St., West Springfield. Deliveries to homebound seniors will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals. The cost to provide the dinners, which served 1,400 people last year, is \$3,500. The committee is also in need of turkeys, hams and monetary donations.

To volunteer or to donate a turkey or ham, call Rose or Mike at 413-734-8953 or 413-364-0812. Monetary donations may be mailed to Carol Goulet, 40 Prince Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089.

To have a meal delivered, call the Agawam Senior Center at 413-821-0605, or Mike or Deb at 413-250-2624.

All are welcome to attend the dinner.

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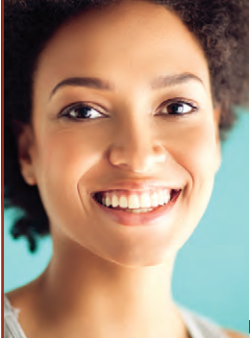
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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Add sidewalks to online map

Town Engineer Michelle Chase is looking for your thoughts on “complete streets” in Agawam — ways the town’s roadways can accommodate traffic other than automobiles.

Part of the outreach is a public forum to be held Nov. 15 at the library, starting at 5:30 p.m. Another part is a “wiki-map” — an online map that anyone can edit — where residents can stick virtual pins on any street and attach a note with their requests.

As of Tuesday, some of the requests are for repaving or new traffic signals. The majority, however, are for sidewalks.

This should be no surprise to anyone who followed last year’s town election campaigns, where write-in mayoral candidate William Clark made the town’s incomplete sidewalk network a central plank of his platform. He’s kept up the crusade on social media since then, and he’s clearly tapped in to a widespread complaint.

Earlier this week, the map at <http://wikimapping.com/wikimap/Agawam.html> showed complaints about missing or inadequate sidewalks on Barry Street, Carol Avenue, Corey Street, Garden Street, Hendom Drive, Meadow Street, Mill Street, North Street, North West Street, North Westfield Street, Parkview Drive, Poplar Street, Randall Street, Reed Street, River Road, Robin Ridge Road, School Street, Shoemaker Lane, South Street, South West Street, Springfield Street, Suffield Street and Thalia Drive. Though some of these streets are residential lanes, a large number of requests are on the town’s busiest thoroughfares.

On South Street alone, there were more than 20 comments about sidewalks, many of them mentioning that it’s a heavily traveled route for young children attending James Clark School, as well as a cut-through street for trucks and Six Flags traffic between Main and Suffield streets. The residential neighborhoods off South Street have sidewalks; the western end of the street has a sidewalk that abruptly ends just past Keller Circle. These neighborhoods consist of single-family homes within walking distance of Clark School. It makes no sense to provide sidewalks to elementary schoolers for the first half of their morning walk, but force them onto lawns or road shoulders for the rest of the way.

There are other interesting ideas on the map, too, such as a circulator bus to loop around Main and Suffield streets, connecting Agawam workers and shoppers to Six Flags, the Geissler’s plaza and the Walnut Street Extension area. It’s likely there are even more good ideas to come, both before the Nov. 15 meeting and at it.

It’s hard to top child safety as a priority, however. Sidewalks on main streets must be part of that Nov. 15 discussion.

What do you think? Add your own comments to the map at <http://wikimapping.com/wikimap/Agawam.html>, and share your thoughts in a letter to the editor about the town’s infrastructure needs at aan@turley.com.



The sidewalk on South Street abruptly ends, several hundred feet short of James Clark School. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Letters to the Editor



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Agawam schools assist Lions with ‘Tot Lot’ project

Members of the Agawam Lions Club would like to thank the teachers, staff, and administration in the Agawam Public School system that recently participated in a jeans day to help raise funds for the Perry Lane “Tot Lot” project. In addition to raising funds, the jeans day helped raise awareness and foster support for the Tot Lot project, which seeks to modernize, expand and create accessibility for all to the site of the Perry Lane Tot Lot playground.

With the generous contributions of supporters, including individuals, families and local businesses, the Agawam Lions Club is more than halfway to reaching their goal of raising \$25,000. All money raised will be presented to the town of Agawam to assist with the playground enhancements, ten-

tatively scheduled to take place during the summer of 2017.

If your business or organization is interested in sponsoring a jeans day to support the Perry Lane Tot Lot project, please contact the Agawam Lions Club Tot Lot chairperson, Dick Lanier, at 413-335-5434 or ddlan316@hotmail.com, or message the club via the Agawam Lions Club Facebook page. Posters, stickers, and other materials are available to help promote a jeans day in your organization to benefit this great cause. The Agawam Lions Club thanks you for your continued support.

Cheryl Tarramagra
Agawam Lions Club

‘Sponsor a Barrel’ continues its successful run

The Agawam Beautification Committee’s “Sponsor a Barrel” program continues to be a success thanks to the generous support of those who participated.

The committee would like to thank the following sponsors who made our town more beautiful by their commitment and support: Agawam Clerical Employees Association, Agawam’s Java Stop, Allied Flooring and Paint, anonymous sponsor, Canary Blomstrom Insurance Agency Inc., Budget Cabinet Sales Inc., Cascio Company, Cooper’s Commons LLC, Cornerstone Kids Dentistry, Ralph DePalma, Godbout Construction, Easthampton Savings Bank, R. Levesque Associates Inc., Longo Carpet Cleaning Inc., Millennium Press, Rose Mischia, O’Donnell Paving & Landscaping, On the Hill Family Restaurant, Paul Paleologopoulos, PeoplesBank, Brad & Doreen Prouty, T Russo JR Construction

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These sponsors donated \$100 for each barrel they sponsored, which paid for the planting, placement, watering and maintenance of each barrel for the season. In appreciation of their support, the Agawam Beautification Committee had signs made up with the sponsor’s name and displayed them in the barrels throughout town.

We plan to offer this tax-deductible incentive program again next year. Anyone interested in participating in this beautification effort may contact the Agawam Beautification Committee by calling the Planning Department at the Agawam Town Hall at 413-786-9245 for more information.

The Members of the Agawam
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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

Remembering the '75s

The '75 Sachem has a cover you don't forget. It looks like a pair of faded blue jeans and has a picture of the class, probably taken at the Kid Party. You open the book and the first page has Tommy Quinn walking down a sidewalk. On his picture is a poem whose first two lines read, "It was not long ago — When we stood on the edge of our dreams."

Who would have thought by 2016, the '75s would lose Tommy? The Agawam Athletic Hall of Fame inducted Tommy Quinn posthumously. Surely, anyone who followed the sports teams in 1974-75 knew that Tommy was an athlete you would not forget. His Hall of Fame resume can be read at the reference desk at the library. Judy Clini, our librarian, was bringing down the banquet program the day I brought it to her. Maybe some ambitious person will put it online for easy access for everyone.

The '75 Sachem is a tough read for me. I don't open to the soccer pages because I don't want to see the picture of my two captains and me. Both of them passed away too young and before their dreams were fulfilled. The picture is here. Maybe it will get you to think of some things on your bucket list. Like my crossing off "see the Grand Canyon" in early October.

The '75s were unique in some ways. They held graduation on the football field and had a girl,

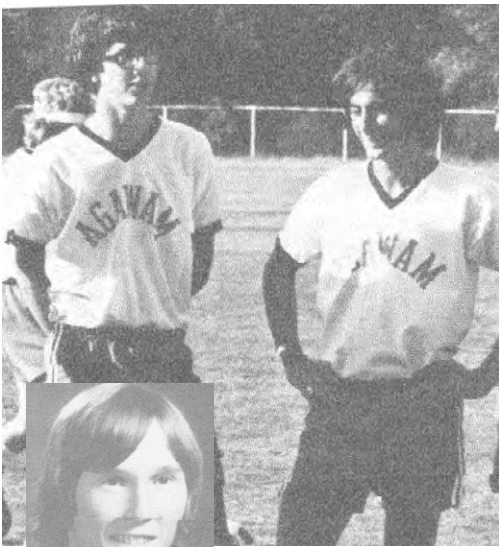


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Jane Benerakis, as president, the first time this had happened since the '50s. In fact, the other three officers also were girls — Carol Di Clementi, vice-president; Lorri Daudelin, treasurer; and Gail Arsenault, secretary. The ballot box had Tommy Quinn and Jane Benerakis as class athletes. Rick Mastrocanni was a good athlete, too, but was voted Best Dressed and Class Chatterbox. His female counterparts were Diane Harbey as Best Dressed and Carol Di Clementi as Class Chatterbox. Jeff Orr and Roxanne Raymond were voted Class IQ. Donna Hulse (now Kennedy) and Mark Benedict were voted Class Musicians. Best Looking Boy was Steve Della Guistina and Best Looking Girl was Gail Arsenault. Best at acting were Holly Kinnell and Bob Trempe. Best artists were Mary-Ann Poggi and Tom Lancour.

Tommy Quinn left us way too early, but before he left, he was the main force behind a fundraiser that raised well over \$20,000 for Shriners Hospital. Makes you wonder if Tommy knew that he was on the edge of his dreams.

Here are some more '75s I have seen or talked to in the last several years — Frank Andruss, Marcia Atwater, Kathy Ayre, Debbie Beltrandi, Brian Blackak, Roger Boissonneault, Joan Brodeur, Scott Brown, Levi Bryant, Leigh Catchepaugh, Rick Charland, Jim Comee, Mark Consolini, Roland Denoncourt, Tom Forgues, Leo Gagnier, Dean Harrison, Betty Knapik, Robert Lane, Mike Lockwood Richard Merchant,



AHS 1975 soccer team captains, from left, Marty Davilli and Tom DalMolin.

Thomas Quinn

Doug Miller, Mike Palazzi, Lisa Pineo, Bill Spear, Tom Tatro, Guy Veronesi, Bob Consedine, Gary Eggleston, Mike Morisset and Rich Peterson.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.

FAITH MATTERS

'Change and Remembrance'

Some Christian churches observe "All Saints Day" during this time of year, usually between Oct. 30 and Nov. 5. The United Methodist Church observes it on the first Sunday in November. All Saints Day invites us to look back to the very early days of the church and at people whose lives inspire us all. It also invites us to remember those whom we love that have passed on to eternal life. It calls us also to notice those who now show us by their examples a better way to live. The church takes this opportunity to celebrate saints, past and present.

Life is full of change. The seasons change. We change. We grow and develop and learn. We get sick. We get stronger. We get better. We age. We get weaker. The world around us changes — sometimes way too fast for our liking. Society changes. Culture changes. People change. Our children and grandchildren change — also way too fast. Circumstances change. We may get a new job, or lose an old one. We change our address. We change our hairstyles or color. The format of our music changes — from vinyl to 8-track to cassette to CD to MP3 to streaming, back to vinyl. Everything changes. We can resist change, or fear change, or fight change or try to control change, but change is inevitable, whether we like it or not. And some of the changes in life are harder to take than others. Sometimes we must honor what we've lost, or give in to grief or even anger — especially when the change involves saying goodbye to loved ones.



Ken Blanchard

Change — especially death — can bring grief and sorrow and pain. The question is, what will we make of it? What will we do or be as a result? How will we live with it? While as human beings we can't hang on to the past, and can't control the future, and have only the present moment — God inhabits eternity. God does not change. And we are not left to wonder about even the hardest changes that come into our lives, for God has a plan for each and every one of us. Of that we can be sure. Jesus said, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ..."

Scripture also tells us that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the glory that will one day be revealed in all of us. The things of God don't change. All Saints Day invites us to remember those whom we love who have passed on to eternal life. We celebrate the lives of all the saints who preceded us, but at the same time we acknowledge our sorrow and our weeping, and realize our utter dependence upon God. We do not grieve as those who are without hope. We can be comforted by the fact that God loves each and every one of us and will turn even the shadow of death into the light of life. Amen.

Ken Blanchard is the pastor at Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street in Feeding Hills.

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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 726 calls for service from Oct. 17 to Oct. 31. The department recorded four arrests in its public log.

Thursday, Oct. 20

Ivan Hrytskevich, Jr., 27, of Cottage Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended.

Friday, Oct. 21

Barbara Ann Thompson, 70, of Beekman Drive, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the

influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Saturday, Oct. 22

John F. Crane IV, 20, of Hendom Drive, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and license not in possession.

Sunday, Oct. 23

An underage male from Feeding Hills was arrested on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 57 EMS calls from Oct. 18 to Oct. 24, and the following emergency response calls.

On Oct. 18 at 2:01 p.m., the department responded to River road for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Oct. 19 at 12:20 a.m., the department responded to Federal Avenue for good intent call, other.

On Oct. 19 at 11:01 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive, was dispatched and canceled en route.

On Oct. 19 at 1:47 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for smoke detector activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Oct. 19 at 5:13 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for lockout.

On Oct. 19 at 7:44 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Oct. 20 at 12:08 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Oct. 20 at 9:45 a.m., the department responded to Regency Park Drive for lockout.

On Oct. 21 at 5:30 a.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for public service.

On Oct. 21 at 3:56 p.m., the department responded to Bowles Road for EMS call, party transported by non-

fire agency.

On Oct. 21 at 4:11 p.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On Oct. 21 at 7:34 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Oct. 21 at 9:15 p.m., the department responded to Hayes Avenue for carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.

On Oct. 22 at 12:14 a.m., the department responded to S. End Bridge Circle for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Oct. 22 at 2:23 p.m., the department responded to Annable Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Oct. 22 at 6:17 p.m., the department responded to Regency Park Drive for public service.

On Oct. 22 at 7:37 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for public service.

On Oct. 23 at 1:38 p.m., the department responded to Paul Revere Drive for good intent call, other.

On Oct. 24 at 2:24 p.m., the department responded to Doane Avenue for citizen complaint.

On Oct. 24 at 6:47 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

Crafters sought for robotics team fundraiser

Crafters are wanted for the Holiday Craft Extravaganza hosted by Agawam Robotics Team 839, “The Velocity Raptors,” Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3 and 4, at the First Baptist Church of Agawam, 760 Main St.

Tables will be provided at a cost of \$20 for one day or \$30 for both. A bake sale will also be part of the day’s events.

For more information or to reserve a table, email velocityraptors839@gmail.com or call Alan at 413-237-5479.

Museums are free Friday for military, vets

SPRINGFIELD — In honor of Veteran’s Day, the Springfield Museums are offering free general admission to veterans and active duty military on Friday, Nov. 11. At the time of entry, visitors who show a military identification doc-

umenting that they are active duty, retired, or reserve from Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or National Guard will receive free general admission to all four museums. Veterans who left military service before retirement can bring

a copy of their honorable discharge paperwork (DD Form 214). Extra fees for special programs and special events at the Springfield Museums will apply. For more information, visit springfieldmuseums.org or call 413-263-6800.

JAY SPEAKS

High adventure on high seas

My good friend Frank died a little while ago, and now his name crops up in many social, business and community conversations. Most recently, Frank’s name came to the fore in regard to travel. On my way home, I began to remember the two high adventure trips that Kitty and I along with Frank and his wife Bea enjoyed together.

It all began with a trip to the dentist. I got there early and the dentist was running late, so I had time to peruse his magazine collection. One that I picked up was titled “Yachting.” I had no interest in a yacht and knew nobody who had a yacht, although I read about millionaires who had yachts.

At any rate, as I gazed through the magazine there was an article about a couple who chartered a yacht in the Caribbean. It seemed inexpensive and quite exciting. I looked in the rear of the magazine where they listed yacht charters and I scribbled down some phone numbers. When I got home, I made a few calls and we began to talk. They wanted to know if we ever sailed a yacht. Of course we hadn’t, so they suggested an alternative: charter a yacht with a crew.

I said there would only be two or four of us (thinking of asking someone to go with us). They said, “We have an ideal situation for you. A couple who own a yacht is sailing in from Australia and will be looking for a charter.” When I questioned price, it seemed doable. I checked dates and said I would call back.

I checked airline prices for the suggested takeoff points for either the British Virgin Islands or St. Martin. The figures and dates worked with Kitty’s schedule and the prices appeared fair. Who should we approach with the idea? Kitty said, “Frank and Bea, of course.” So, that is how it began.

We flew to the Dutch side of St. Martin. The captain of the yacht and his wife, who would be the cook, met us and took us to his yacht. It was beautiful. Sleek and white. Fifty-five feet long with masts, but also motor power. We had two cabins. Frank and Bea were taller people than Kitty and me; they took the bigger cabin. Ours was so small that we had to leap from the doorway to get on the bed (but it was an adventure, wasn’t it?). The captain pulled out his charts and we decided which islands to

visit.

Over the next ten days we visited these islands: Saba, which is Dutch, St. Barts, which is French, and many other little islands named after saints. The captain allowed us to handle the yacht and suggested that if we were to charter again, perhaps we could run our own yacht. His wife prepared great meals for us and the rum was even better. One afternoon we visited a tiny island that was the template for the movie where this tiny island declares war with Great Britain so that the British would then help their

economy grow. In the harbor there were rotting vessels who had been stuck there during World War II.

Our final destination was the French side of St. Martin. We got off the yacht into a rowboat and rowed to shore in our bathing suits and holding our luggage to the hotel. How many times have you, dear reader, checked into a hotel from a rowboat?

Our next trip with Frank and Bea was going down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon on a raft with Georgie Clark, the Mistress of the Canyon. Georgie was in her 80s and took the most perilous way through the rapids. As far as she was concerned, other rafter leaders took the easy way around the rapids.

It was a scary trip in some cases, falling 20 or more feet down a rapid and hanging on for dear life. The canyon from the river is most beautiful, and the nights, sleeping on the edge of the water looking up at the sky was magnificent.

We came very close to crashing into the canyon walls and in some cases our raft was twisted into crazy angles, but we held on and survived. The takeout point after seven days and nights was at an Indian reservation point one mile down from the rim of the canyon. A helicopter came to pick us up and take us to Las Vegas and to our hotels.

Each of these two adventures deserve more written about them, but the good memories they awaken and the smiles one gets in thinking about them is a blessing for the two of us.

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.

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Seats available for Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam Lioness Club will host a trip to Mohegan Sun on Sunday, Nov 13. Anyone interested in going is asked to be at the Agawam High School parking lot at noon. The bus will depart when everyone has boarded.

The cost is \$33 per person, which includes bus driver's tip, a \$15 food voucher and a \$15 free bet voucher. Proceeds from this trip will be used for the various charities the Agawam Lioness Club supports. For reservations, call Pat at 413-786-1782 or Rose at 413-786-5134.

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Visiting college representatives

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Nov. 4: 7:30 a.m., Castleton University, 12:20 p.m., Mass. College of Art and Design

Open houses

Many colleges are hosting events in the next few weeks. Check the Counseling Center for more information.

Special interest programs

FAFSA Day is a non-profit, volunteer-driving program providing free assistance to students seeking to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. If you will be attending college in the fall of 2017, this is an opportunity not to miss. The event will be offered at Holyoke Community College at 1 p.m. Nov. 6. For more information and to register, visit <http://fafsaday.org>.

The American Student Assistance College Planning Centers offer free assistance with completing financial aid applications, both in-person, at Centers and over the phone (877-33-4348). Additionally, the Boston College Planning Center is holding FAFSA Workshops every Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Federal Student Aid ID Workshops every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. More information is available by calling Kristi Pierce at 617-728-4608.

New England School of Photography is hosting an open house Saturday, Nov. 5. The NEOP Professional Photography Program is 100 percent focused on building working, professional photographers, offers an unparalleled comprehensive education in the art, technique, and business of photography. RSVP by Nov. 3 at openhouse@nesop.edu or 617-437-1868.

The Providence College Department of Theatre, Dance & Film is hosting an Open House for interested students on Friday, Nov. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 401-865-2327 for information on the program or to set up an audition/interview appointment.

Western New England Department of Social Work will be hosting an informational luncheon on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Learn about internships, meet with students and faculty, and explore professional career options with a BSW degree. To register, visit visit.wne.edu.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be hosting a Women in Aerospace Engineering program on Sunday, Nov. 6. Meet MIT students and professors, tour aerospace labs, learn practical aerospace skills, and hear about working in the industry. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to high school girls. Email wae-exec@mit.edu for more information.

New England Institute of Technology will be hosting a series of Career Education Days to help students learn more about their potential careers — Automotive Day, Oct. 21; Construction Day, Nov. 18; Engineering and Communications Day, March 3; Health Day, April 7. To register for any of these events go to NEIT.edu/CareerEducation.

Curry College is hosting an informative evening about the college search process, "Navigating the College Search for Students with Learning Differences" Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. To register, call Michelle Bracken at 617-333-2210 or email mbracken@curry.edu.

Springfield Technical Community College and Holyoke Community College are again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in each semester through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

Elms College is offering the Advanced Placement Program to qualified students. Tuition is waived and students pay only a registration fee of \$20 and a technology fee of \$50. Registration for the spring 2017 semester should be submitted before Jan. 17. For more information, contact the registrar at 413-265-2314.

Are you a young entrepreneur? Graduating high school seniors who operate their own small business are eligible to receive a 2017 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award from the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation. Visit NFIB.com/YEA for more information and to apply online between by Dec. 18.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: Hendry David Thoreau Foundation; 2017 Profile in Courage Essay; Skidmore College; Ronald McDonald House Charities US Scholarship Program; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Big Y Scholarship; American College Foundation; Darcy B. Davis Scholarship.

Meritaid.com: On this free website, students can complete a profile and then access the college merit scholarships that match their profile. This organization does not sell its email lists to third parties. The site includes a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships across the country.

Words of wisdom

"I wish I had worked my first two years of college. There were lots of work study jobs available that would have been easy to fit in and get my studies done at the same time."

— Mrs. Wieners, special services

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Nov. 7: Popcorn chicken with dipping sauce, seasoned vegetables, seasoned rice, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 8: Election Day. No school.

Wednesday, Nov. 9: Chicken filet wrap with assorted sauce served with lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Nov. 10: Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, Nov. 11: No school. Veterans Day.

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Monday, Nov. 7: Baked chicken patty sandwich, carrots and ranch, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 8: Election Day. No school.

Wednesday, Nov. 9: Pulled pork on a bun, onions rings, seasoned carrots, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Nov. 10: Ultra grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day. No school.

AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, Nov. 7: Assorted low-sugar cereal, stuffed bagel sticks, mozzarella cheese, assorted muffins, juice or milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 8: Election Day. No school.

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Mason Malloux shows off his costume and makeup at Cornerstone Kids Dentistry.

Seasonal dress



Chrissy Bernardi gets ready to scare some people at the Heritage Woods haunted house.



Ashley Walker and her son, Bennett, 7 months, enjoyed the fall festival.



Olivia Duprat, 4, Andrea Surrette, 5, listen to firefighter-EMT Daniel Boissonneault talk about the fire truck at the fall festival held Oct. 29 at the new Cornerstone Kids Dentistry on Suffield Street. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Chelsea Kazeroid, 4, Kaden Wayte 4, Jordyn Kazeroid, 6, and Jace Wayte, 7, get ready to enter the haunted house on Saturday at Heritage Woods Senior Living.

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the blight list are abandoned single-family homes; a couple are business properties, including Games and Lanes on Walnut Street Extension and Cesar's on Silver Street; a few are vacant lots.

Buoniconti said he has gone to court to seek an emergency condemnation for 1178 Suffield St., and the bank that owns the property was forced to board up the house on the land, clean it up, and attempt to sell it.

He said there is one home in Feeding Hills and one on Main Street he is currently in litigation to address. He declined to give the addresses, pending the results of the litigation.

"This was a very big project that I took on when I came to the town," he said. "No one should have to live next door to properties in these conditions."

Earlier this year, the City Council approved funding for the demolition of a blighted home at 30 Royal Lane. Council President James Cichetti said Cohen included \$100,000 in his budget for more potential demolitions and remediation work to take place at blighted properties.

In addition to 30 Royal Lane, two prop-

erties that were on last year's blight list were 346-350 Walnut Street Ext. and 586 Mill St.

The Walnut Street Extension property, more commonly known as Games and Lanes, is on its way to redevelopment, with a new owner having purchased it in the last year, cleaning up groundwater contamination and marketing it for redevelopment.

The vacant farmhouse on Mill Street sits on 12 acres that have been purchased by HAPHousing Inc., which intends to build a Chapter 40B housing complex there. In the meantime, the house remains empty, but neighbors worry that an influx of traffic and high-density housing will hurt their property values even more than a blighted house.

Cohen said two more properties on Mill Street — out of five on the list — are set to be addressed in the coming months.

Under the town's blight ordinance, officials can place eyesore properties in receivership and demolish them after going through a legal process.

"The blight ordinance was one of the smartest things the city council has ever passed," said Cohen. "It has really added more tools to the toolbox of our department heads to address these issues."



Cesar's, at 314 Silver St.



194 Pine St.



1186 Main St. 1186 Main St. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI (2015) AND MICHAEL J. BALLWAY (2016)



586 Mill St. 586 Mill St., the proposed site of the HAPHousing project.



11 Wilson St. 11 Wilson St., and the other properties pictured on this page, were listed as blighted properties last summer and are still on the blight list.



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Dancers continue annual tradition at the Big E

The students at the Mary Ann Studio of Dance not only continued their tradition of marching in the Big E Grande Mardi Gras Parade this year on Sept. 23, but also had the opportunity to entertain the visitors at this year's 100th anniversary of the fair on Oct. 2 with a performance in the New England Center.

The dances ranged from a performance to the tunes of the old rock 'n' roll song, "Pretty Ballerina," to taking the audience to a little piece of Italy with the "Tarentella," tap shoes that could "Sing Sing Sing," and with the youngest dancer showing off her "Tick-Tock" happy clock dance.



Dancers from the Mary Ann Studio of Dance, from left, Erikah Jenney, Jessie Smith of Agawam, Kayla Torrey, Sydney Eitel and Kendra Grady of Feeding Hills, perform at this year's Big E. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



From left, Evelyn Smith of Agawam, Rhoda Crowell, Mandy Proeco, Pat Cincotta, Maria Carr, of Agawam, Anna Grady of Feeding Hills, and Sharon O'Connor.



From left, Chris Root and Jessie Smith of Agawam, Erikah Jeney, Anna Grady of Feeding Hills, Maria Carr of Agawam, and Rhoda Crowell.

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F.H. resident to give talk on autism

Feeding Hills resident Mario Bonavita will visit the Agawam Public Library at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, to speak on a variety of topics related to autism, including autism spectrum labels, historical data, Centers for Disease Control data and statistics.

Bonavita, who is 26 years old and on

the autism spectrum, has been speaking publicly about autism for 11 years. He will talk about who he is and how he is affected by autism.

To register, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Valley Gives slated for next May

This spring, the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts's Capacity Program will promote philanthropy across the Pioneer Valley on May 2, 2017, during Valley Gives Day.

This will be the fifth Valley Gives. Last year's spring event was successful in bringing new donors into philanthropic giving: 47 percent of all donors had never participated in Valley Gives previously.

"Valley Gives is a practical way for people living in the Pioneer Valley to show their support for the many organizations that make our region a great place to live," said Valley Gives organizer Michael DeChiaro. "This is an opportunity for people and businesses to invest locally to support our quality of life."

Mary Lynn Sabourin, development di-

rector for Franklin Land Trust, said the land trust received numerous new donors during last May's event.

"The Franklin Land Trust has participated in Valley Gives for the past four years," said Sabourin. "We consider our participation hugely successful for our non-profit, raising over \$50,000 in 2016 with close to half of the 286 donors being brand new to the organization. We are excited to be part of a regional giving day that strengthens the Valley that we call home."

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts is celebrating 25 years of encouraging generosity in the region this year. The foundation has given more than \$140 million in grants, scholarships and loans since 1991 in addition to promoting nonprofit sustainability.

Free meals for vets at Friendly's on Friday

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SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY

Brownies close out regular season with win

Get third seed in tournament, will face Holyoke

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – The Agawam High School field hockey team has returned to prominence in 2016 after finishing off a regular season that saw the Brownies win an impressive 13 games.

Despite that, it will be another uphill battle in the upcoming Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament.

Seeds for the tournament were released on Monday morning and Agawam has drawn the No. 3 seed in the six-team field.

Agawam will face No. 6 Holyoke, which had an excellent regular season, also winning 13 games this year. The difference between the two teams is their strength of schedule. Holyoke is a growing program that has been doing great things. But for the past four years, the Knights have still been playing in the West League against teams from Division II. The Knights are the only Division I Tournament in the league.

The detriment has been quick playoff exits for the Knights, though they have started playing Division I teams in the higher-level leagues better the last two teams. Holyoke has defeated Westfield and West Springfield in the past and have also tied Agawam.

This season, however, Holyoke's defeats have come against those same teams, including Agawam getting a 4-0 win in early October.

Agawam and Holyoke will clash with one another on Thursday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. on Agawam's new turf field.

If Agawam is successful, it will be an uphill battle as the Brownies would head to the semifinals against Minnechaug, the No. 2 seed.

The Falcons will be well-rested with an automatic semifinal bid and will wait until early next week to play Agawam or Holyoke.

Agawam and Minnechaug

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Camille Aloisi starts a move up the field in Agawam's loss against Longmeadow last Wednesday. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

SOCCER

Agawam clips Orioles to reach tourney

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – On a rainy and very humid evening at Agawam High School, the Agawam boys soccer team was able to get a measure of revenge on league rival Belchertown and qualified for the tournament with a 2-1 victory over the Orioles on Oct. 21

Though it was not scheduled to be a night game with a 5 p.m., the lights were on before half-time because of miserable conditions and on-and-off hard rain throughout the second half.

In that second half, there was no scoring, as Agawam was able to stave off a number of Belchertown attacks through that period.

Samgmyoung Han scored the game-winning goal late in the first half, taking a great centering pass from Vitaliy Melnik.

The pass came from the far left side, and Han was able to get a soft foot on the ball, which Belchertown goalie Tanner Clark was not able to react to in time to make it 2-1 Agawam.

The Brownies actually had a 1-0 lead early in the game thanks to a goal from Luis Nieves, who scored unassisted. But the Orioles came back with their lone goal of the game from Alec Morgado.

Belchertown appeared to have the possession advantage before Agawam turned the tables and began attacking the Belchertown goal with some frequency.

In the second half, it was a dif-



Luis Nieves tries to pass the ball to his side. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Vitaliy Melnick tries to change direction near the sideline.

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FOOTBALL

Brownies fall to Central, miss Div. 2 playoffs

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – For the first time since the playoff format made Weeks 9 and 10 playoff weeks three years ago, the Agawam High School football team will not be participating in playoff games this Friday night.

A return to the AA Conference while in a bit of a re-tooling season for the Brownies proved to be a tough combination as Agawam lost its third straight game with a 56-21 loss against Central High School last Friday night at home.

Agawam started out 3-0 against the teams in the AA Conference, a conference they had been used to playing in until three years ago when a lack of success moved them to the Suburban Conference.

When the divisions were realigned with current enrollment, Agawam's increased enrollment moved it from Division 4 to Division 2 along with Chicopee Comprehensive, the defender Division 4 champion.

Comp has excelled while the Brownies had a tougher year. Agawam was in contention for a Division 2 playoff spot, but consecutive losses against Comp, Longmeadow, and then Central erased that opportunity. A non-conference loss against Westfield early in the season also did not help.

The Brownies knew they had a tall task facing Central even on

their own home turf. Quarterback Tank Walker did not make it any easier as he marched into the end zone for a touchdown to start the scoring.

The Golden Eagles would score the first five touchdowns of the game, completely shutting down Agawam's offense during the first half.

The Brownies were able to salvage a bit of the half when Chris Morassi made a touchdown run late in the second quarter to get the Brownies on the scoreboard 35-7 at halftime.

In the second half, the Golden Eagles did not let up, and kept the game out of reach for the Brownies. Running backs Jared Durocher and Matt O'Keefe did manage to get touchdowns in the second half. Quarterback Mike Basile went 4-of-5 for 62 yards. Morassi had 44 receiving yards on three catches. He also had 70 yards on the ground.

Newcomer Frank Cipriani had 50 yards on the ground on 10 carries. O'Keefe finished with a touchdown and 47 yards on the ground. Durocher had 29 total rushing yards and 23 receiving yards to go with his touchdown.

While Central moves into the Division 2 playoffs to play against Westfield, Agawam will be in action on Friday night, hosting Chicopee High School, a former Suburban League rival, at 7 p.m. at Agawam High School.

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had two epic battles this season with Minnechaug holding really a slight edge. In Agawam, the two teams battled to a scoreless draw. Later in the season on Oct. 17 at Minnechaug, a back-and-forth battle was taken by the Falcons 3-2 in a game that ended with three Agawam players off the field on penalties.

To close out the regular season, the Brownies would make up a rainout against league rival Westfield and defeated the Bombers 3-1.



Sam Rubacha gets the free hit. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Dominique Counos makes a run up the right side.

Agawam would take a slim lead early in the game and Westfield tied the game 1-1 before halftime. The Brownies would grab two goals in the second half and made them stick. Nina Bruno scored all three goals for the Brownies with Sydney Mazza providing the assists.

Nikki Bates had a good game in goal, making five saves to get the win.

Agawam also lost to Longmeadow 4-0 last Wednesday to close out the regular season schedule. Agawam went 13-4-1 with a 4-3-1 league record.



Nina Bruno attempts to control play in the middle of the field.



Goalie Nikki Bates watches as the ball goes over the end line for a free Agawam hit.

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ferent story for the first 20 minutes as Agawam goalie Ben Mielnikowski was under pressure for a lot of good attempts. Belchertown nearly scored the tying goal with Mielnikowski distracted on a shot, but the Agawam defense managed to clear a loose ball about four feet in front of the goal and kept the shutout intact.

Mielnikowski made 10 saves in getting one of the biggest wins of the year for Agawam. Clark suffered the defeat with 11 saves.

The loss dropped Belchertown to 10-5-1. But with a commanding lead in the Churchill League, the Orioles will likely win the league. They have one league game remaining.

Agawam picked up just its first league win, and unfortunately, the Brownies were not able to take advantage of the upset heading into the final week of the regular season.

Agawam was held scoreless during the final week of the regular season, losing a pair of really tough games. On Oct. 25, the Brownies had their Senior Night and lost 4-0 against West Springfield.

Last Friday afternoon, Agawam fell 5-0 at Longmeadow High School.

Agawam finishes the regular season 8-8-2 and awaits their seed in the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament. Those seeds were set to be announced on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Agawam made the finals last year and lost in penalty kicks to Longmeadow.



Paulo Naves tries to keep possession of the ball.



Connor Montagna takes a corner kick. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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Sports

Girls soccer closes out regular season

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School girls soccer team finished off the regular season last Tuesday evening by defeating Westfield in their final game of the season 3-0. The victory allows Agawam to enter the tournament this season with an 8-8-2 record.



Players from both teams vie for possession of the ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Cassandra Jones converges with a Westfield player on a ball in the air.



Caitlyn Shean sidesteps to her left looking for an opening.



Allie Wysocki starts a move up the field.



Molly Breton controls the ball on the left side.

Legals

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Glenn J. Consolini** to 360 Federal Credit Union dated May 16, 2013 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19830 at Page 328 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 35 Ruth Avenue, Agawam, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:

The land in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being designated at Lot 26 on a plan of lots recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 41, Page 65, being bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by Ruth Avenue, Eighty (80) feet;

EASTERLY by Lot 27 (Twenty-Seven) as shown on said plan, One Hundred

Twenty-Five (125) feet;

SOUTHERLY by land now or formerly of one Summer C. Schwartz et ux Eighty (80) feet; and

WESTERLY by Lot 25 (Twenty-Five) as shown on said plan, One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) feet.

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Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor herein by deed dated May 2, 2013 and recorded in said Registry in Book 19830, Page 326.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements,

improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) by cash, certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. This sale is subject to a 5% buyer's premium. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at the Mortgagee's law offices within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms will be announced at the sale.

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The Trial Court

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**Docket No. HD16P1933EA
Estate of:**

John Allen Farrington

Date of Death:

August 13, 2016

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Barbara D. Farrington** of Agawam MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Barbara D. Farrington of Agawam MA has been

informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses

of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Friday, Nov. 4

THE SMALL PLANET DANCERS will perform at the Agawam Senior Center at 7 p.m. as part of the Applause Series presented by the Agawam Cultural Council. The Senior Center is at 954 Main St. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.agawamcc.org.

Saturday, Nov. 5

A ZUMBATHON hosted by the West of the River Family Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to benefit Baystate Children's Hospital. Multiple instructors for the dance fitness program will be on hand at the gym, 63 Springfield St., Agawam. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

SEVENTH ANNUAL FIBER FESTIVAL OF NEW ENGLAND today from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Mallary Complex on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is \$7 for adults, free for children 12 and under.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION CRAFT FAIR from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 1st Congregational Church at the rotary in East Longmeadow. Lunch available. Free parking.

Sunday, Nov. 6

THE SUFFIELD AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION will hold an open house to celebrate 40 years of service to the Southwick-Suffield community from 1 to 5 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 7

AUTHORTALK WITH GARRY BROWN, author of "Garry Brown's Greatest Hits," at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Books will be available for purchase and signing. To register, call 413-789-1550 ext. 4 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org.

A CHICKEN CORDON BLEU DINNER at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Cost is \$12 per person. To reserve a ticket, call the church office at 413-786-6133.

Wednesday, Nov. 9

THE OVATION SPEAKERS SERIES at Springfield Technical Community College continues with MB Caschetta, renowned author of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender literature, at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. in Scibelli Hall (Building 2). Free and open to the public.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Thursday, Nov. 10

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "William Merritt Chase: An Old-Fashioned American Modernist" featuring Gloria Russell, art historian, lecturer, writer and teacher, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Saturday, Nov. 12

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ Church United Methodist, 222 College Highway, Southwick.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC at Granville Federated Church, 16 Granby Road featuring local guitarists Jesse, John and Zeker with music ranging from classical guitar to contemporary rock to roll to gospel, at 7 p.m. A free will donation will be accepted.

Sunday, Nov. 13

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-789-2061.

Wednesday, Nov. 16

HOLIDAY CRAFTS AND VENDOR NIGHT from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Proceeds from the event will help support the school's Washington D.C. Club trip.

"FALL HANGOUT" for teens in grades 7 through 12 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Southwick Public Library, 95 Feeding Hills Road. The Wii system will be set up, the 3Doodler 3D Printing Pen will be available to try, and autumn leaf Mason jar candle holders will be the featured craft. For more information, call 413-569-1221, ext. 3.

Thursday, Nov. 17

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "WWI Nurse Edith Cavell's Fate: Decision or Destiny" featuring Terri Arthur, British nurse, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, Nov. 18

FANDOM FRIDAY for students in grades 7-12 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Southwick Public Library, 95 Feeding Hills Road. Crafts, snacks, games, and an episode or two of a TV series or part of a movie. This month's fandom will be the Wizarding World of Harry. For more information, call 413-569-1221, ext. 3.

Saturday, Nov. 19
SACRED HEART OF CHRISTMAS Craft Bazaar from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCH annual Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The Knights of Columbus will be serving food on Saturday. Free parking available behind the church for all. For more information, call 413-569-0162. The church is at 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick.

WINTER MARKET will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., Westfield and will include vendors with seasonal products and local crafters with pottery, candles, woodcrafts and home decorating items. The building is handicap accessible with free parking, and professional babysitting is provided.

ALL-DAY CARD WORKSHOP to benefit the Westfield Athenaeum at the Central Baptist Church, 115 Elm St., Westfield from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All materials provided. Advance registration required. Participants should bring their own lunch, or money to order from Two Rivers Burritos. To register, contact Sandra at stampinsandra@comcast.net.

"UNDERSTANDING YOUR BEST FRIEND" with Phil Klein, certified dog listener, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Suffield Senior Center, 145 Bridge St. Bring questions, but not your dog, to this free program. Register at 860-668-3896 or online at suffield-library.org.

Saturday, Dec. 3

ANNUAL HOLLY BAZAAR at Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway from 8:30 a.m. to 3

p.m.

Monday, Dec. 5

A CHRISTMAS DINNER at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Cost is \$10. Tickets may be reserved by calling the church office at 413-786-6133.

Saturday, Dec. 10

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ONGOING

ADULT DROP-IN SIT & KNIT meets at the Agawam Public Library at 750 Cooper St. Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Bring your sticks and join other knitters for creative time. No registration is required.

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Nov. 7: Grilled chicken on a roll with lettuce and tomato, pasta salad with peas and carrots, pears.

Tuesday, Nov. 8: Tomato Florentine soup, chef salad (turkey, ham, cheese, egg, lettuce, tomato and cucumbers), pudding.

Wednesday, Nov. 9: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, pears.

Thursday, Nov. 10: Swedish meatballs over egg noodles, carrots, baked good.

Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day. Senior Center closed.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Nov. 7: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m. to noon, free hearing screening with Ear Masters; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 10 a.m., Fallon Ins. agent available; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m. Bingo; 2 p.m., monthly dance with Richie Mitnick; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Nov. 8: 9 a.m., exercise, open knitting / sewing class; 10 a.m., chair exercise, Computer Tech Club meets; noon, ladies only billiards; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("The Meddler"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.

Wednesday, Nov. 9: S.H.I.N.E. representative available (by appt.); 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., ballroom lessons, scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Nov. 10: 9 a.m., exercise; 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., free lunch for veterans (sign up in advance); 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, open art, free blood pressure check with nurse Sherry; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice (subject to change); 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dancing.

Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day. Senior Center closed.

Legals

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD16P1924EA
Estate of: Jonathan Frederick
Date of Death: 04/14/2016
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Andrew J. Frederick** of Wilton NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Andrew J. Frederick** of Wilton NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appear-

ance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/22/2016.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 27, 2016
Suzanne T. Seguin

Register of Probate
11/3/16

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD16P1922EA
Estate of: Gloria A Ringer
Also Known As: Gloria Ann Ringer & Gloria Ringer
Date of Death:
August 31, 2016
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Gloria Kosezewski** of Holyoke MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Gloria Kosezewski of Holyoke MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are enti-

tled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
11/3/16

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD16P1891EA
Estate of: Grace E. Haskins
Also Known As: Grace Haskins
Date of Death:
August 10, 2016
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Judith A. Brentari** of Pottsville PA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Judith A. Brentari of Pottsville PA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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11/3/16

LEGAL AD AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet

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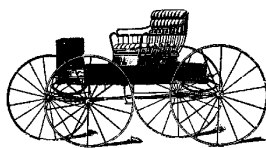
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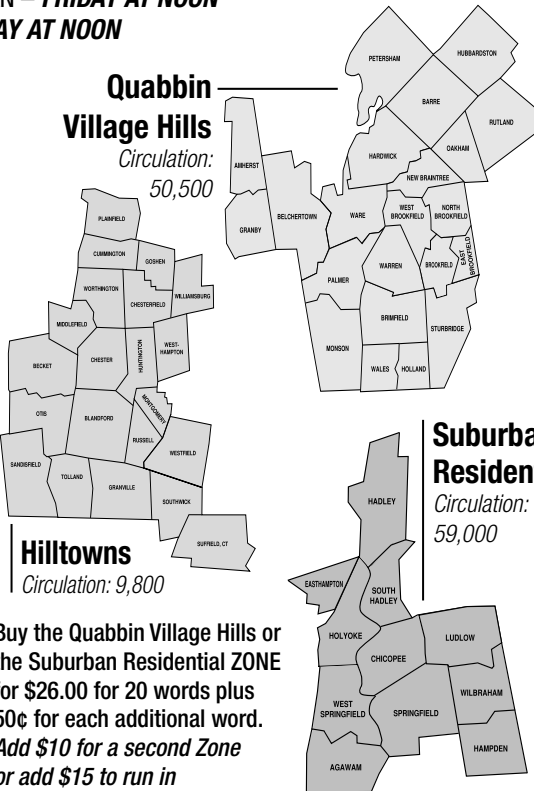
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GREETINGS:

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- Precinct 1: Robinson School, 65 Begley Street
- Precinct 2: Clifford M. Granger School, 31 South Westfield Street
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QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Gaming Commission to issue one additional category 2 license, which would permit operation of a gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 1,250 slot machines.
The proposed law would authorize the Commission to request applications for the additional license to be granted to a gaming establishment located on property that is (i) at least four acres in size; (ii) adjacent to and within 1,500 feet of a race track, including the track’s additional facilities, such as the track, grounds, paddocks, barns, auditorium, amphitheatre, and bleachers; (iii) where a horse racing meeting may physically be held; (iv) where a horse racing meeting shall have been hosted; and (v) not separated from the race track by a highway or railway.
A YES VOTE would permit the state Gaming Commission to license one additional slot-machine gaming establishment at a location that meets certain conditions specified in the law.
A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws regarding gaming.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions in existing charter schools each year. Approvals under this law could expand statewide charter school enrollment by up to 1% of the total statewide public school enrollment each year. New charters and enrollment expansions approved under this law would be exempt from existing limits on the number of charter schools, the number of students enrolled in them, and the amount of local school districts’ spending allocated to them.
If the Board received more than 12 applications in a single year from qualified applicants, then the proposed law would require it to give priority to proposed charter schools or enrollment expansions in districts where student performance on statewide assessments is in the bottom 25% of all districts in the previous two years and where demonstrated parent demand for additional public school options is greatest.
New charter schools and enrollment expansions approved under this proposed law would be subject to the same approval standards as other charter schools, and to recruitment, retention, and multi-lingual outreach requirements that currently apply to some charter schools. Schools authorized under this law would be subject to annual performance reviews according to standards established by the Board.
The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2017.
A YES VOTE would allow for up to 12 approvals each year of either new charter schools or expanded enrollments in existing charter schools, but not to exceed 1% of the statewide public school enrollment.
A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to charter schools.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any farm owner or operator from knowingly confining any breeding pig, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen in a way that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs, or turning around freely. The proposed law would also prohibit any business owner or operator in Massachusetts from selling whole eggs intended for human consumption or any uncooked cut of veal or pork if the business owner or operator knows or should know that the hen, breeding pig, or veal calf that produced these products was confined in a manner prohibited by the proposed law. The proposed law would exempt sales of food products that combine veal or pork with other products, including soups, sandwiches, pizzas, hotdogs, or similar processed or prepared food items.
The proposed law’s confinement prohibitions would not apply during transportation; state and county fair exhibitions; 4-H programs; slaughter in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; medical research; veterinary exams, testing, treatment and operation if performed under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian; five days prior to a pregnant pig’s expected date of giving birth; any day that pig is nursing piglets; and for temporary periods for animal husbandry purposes not to exceed six hours in any twenty-four hour period.
The proposed law would create a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and would give the Attorney General the exclusive authority to enforce the law, and to issue regulations to implement it. As a defense to enforcement proceedings, the proposed law would allow a business owner or operator to rely in good faith upon a written certification or guarantee of compliance by a supplier.
The proposed law would be in addition to any other animal welfare laws and would not prohibit stricter local laws.
The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.
A YES VOTE would prohibit any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevents them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely.
A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to the keeping of farm animals.

QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would permit the possession, use, distribution, and cultivation of marijuana in limited amounts by persons age 21 and older and would remove criminal penalties for such activities. It would provide for the regulation of commerce in marijuana, marijuana accessories, and marijuana products and for the taxation of proceeds from sales of these items.
The proposed law would authorize persons at least 21 years old to possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside of their residences; possess up to ten ounces of marijuana inside their residences; grow up to six marijuana plants in their residences; give one ounce or less of marijuana to a person at least 21 years old without payment; possess, produce or transfer hemp; or make or transfer items related to marijuana use, storage, cultivation, or processing.
The measure would create a Cannabis Control Commission of three members appointed by the state Treasurer which would generally administer the law governing marijuana use and distribution, promulgate regulations, and be responsible for the licensing of marijuana commercial establishments. The proposed law would also create a Cannabis Advisory Board of fifteen members appointed by the Governor. The Cannabis Control Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications; security; record keeping; health and safety standards; packaging and labeling; testing; advertising and displays; required inspections; and such other matters as the Commission considers appropriate. The records of the Commission would be public records.
The proposed law would authorize cities and towns to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of operating marijuana businesses and to limit the number of marijuana establishments in their communities. A city or town could hold a local vote to determine whether to permit the selling of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on the premises at commercial establishments.
The proceeds of retail sales of marijuana and marijuana products would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 3.75%. A city or town could impose a separate tax of up to 2%. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax or from license application fees and civil penalties for violations of this law would be deposited in a Marijuana Regulation Fund and would be used subject to appropriation for administration of the proposed law.
Marijuana-related activities authorized under this proposed law could not be a basis for adverse orders in child welfare cases absent clear and convincing evidence that such activities had created an unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child.
The proposed law would not affect existing law regarding medical marijuana treatment centers or the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence. It would permit property owners to prohibit the use, sale, or production of marijuana on their premises (with an exception that landlords cannot prohibit consumption by tenants of marijuana by means other than by smoking); and would permit employers to prohibit the consumption of marijuana by employees in the workplace. State and local governments could continue to restrict uses in public buildings or at or near schools.
Supplying marijuana to persons under age 21 would be unlawful.
The proposed law would take effect on December 15, 2016.
A YES VOTE would allow persons 21 and older to possess, use, and transfer marijuana and products containing marijuana concentrate (including edible products) and to cultivate marijuana, all in limited amounts, and would provide for the regulation and taxation of commercial sale of marijuana and marijuana products.
A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to marijuana.

Vincent Gioscia,
Town Clerk

Our Town

Braman, iCircle support ‘Pink Day’ for Baystate Health

Two Agawam businesses participated in the fourth annual “Pink Day” for Baystate Health Foundation Rays of Hope.

Braman Termite and Pest Elimination, and iCircle Technologies, both of which are located in Agawam, were among the companies that helped raise \$8,000 on Oct. 28 to support humanitarian efforts at Baystate Health’s hospitals and ancillary services, including breast cancer research and awareness. Pink Day is coordinated by Market Mentors LLC, a marketing firm based in West Springfield.

“Our clients understand the worth of corporate social responsibility initiatives and the impact it has on the local business atmosphere,” said Michelle Abdow, president of Market Mentors. “Several participants have celebrated Pink Day with us in the past and we are very excited about the newcomers. Thanks to their considerable efforts, we exceeded our goal of raising \$7,500 for Rays of Hope and have been able to donate \$22,000 throughout the past four years.”

Rays of Hope is a philanthropic initiative that was launched in 1994 to support the Baystate Health Foundation and community programs throughout Western Massachusetts, and includes an annual walk and run, as well as Pink Day celebrations. This year’s walk and run took place Sunday, October 30 at Forest Park in Springfield.



Employees of Braman Termite and Pest Elimination, above, and iCircle Technologies, left, participate in the ‘Pink Day’ fundraiser Oct. 29. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Art group to host acrylic demonstration Nov. 16

Award-winning artist Robert Noreika will present a demonstration in fluid acrylic at the Nov. 16 meeting of the Tobacco Valley Artists Association. The 6:30 p.m. meeting at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., will begin with a brief business meeting, followed by the demonstration.

A prominent national artist and illustrator, Noreika’s paintings hang in both the corporate and private collections throughout the United States, Europe and Japan. Robert won Best in Show at the National Academic Artists Association in 2015 for his painting, “Spring Run-Off.” In 2009, the New Britain Museum of American Art acquired a painting from Noreika’s “Turtle-esque” series for its permanent collection.

Noreika is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, an elected member of the National Society of Painters in Casein and Acrylic, the Salmagundi Club, the Lyme Art Association, the Connecticut Watercolor Society, the Connecticut Plein Air Painters Society, the New England Watercolor Society and the Academic Artists Association. His work has received awards and was selected for the AWS traveling exhibition that toured the country in 2011 and 2013.

The Tobacco Valley Artists Association meets on the third Wednesday of the month and meetings are open to all. For more information, contact Sam Dupuis at 860-745-3608 or samdupuis45@outlook.com.

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